The first clause passed.

Second clause—

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare a plan of the plough, and the Board of Works authorised to procure seven ploughs—one for each ward.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Keenleyside, that the clause be referred back to the Committee. Carried. Ald. Pritchard withdrawing his motion on the understanding that the Committee report at next meeting.

Clause 3 passed.

Clause 4 passed.

The Committee arose and reported, and the report was adopted in Council.

Ald. Powell, chairman, submitted the following report from the Hospital and Relief Committee:

Your Committee, having carefully considered the communication of L. Lawrason, Esq., and Mrs. L. Newcomb, relative to the establishment of a house of refuge in our city, beg to report that the question is under consideration by the County Council.

Your Committee have decided to meet the Relief Committee from the County Council, at its June session, with the hope that something definite will be arranged towards establishing a house of refuge, and by that means be enabled to remove the persons now in the City Hospital who, through age and other circumstances, are proper subjects as inmates of such a place.

Your Committee, as instructed by the Council, advertised for tenders for a supply of wood for hospital and relief purposes, and now have pleasure in reporting that they have secured the quantity of wood required at very reasonable rates, the following tenders having been accepted, viz: J. Dunham and A. Copeland, for 100 cords each of dry wood, beech and maple, prices tendered being, for the first-named, $2 90, and the latter $3 25 per cord; also the tenders of S. W. Moore and Chauncy Barrows for 50 cords each of green wood, the prices being $3 45 and $3 50 respectively.

Received and adopted.

Ald. T. Peel, Chairman, submitted the following report from the License Committee:

Your Committee beg leave to report that, having considered the petition of the cabmen referred to them, relating to the numbering of cabs, recommend that the numbers should rank according to seniority, and that the City Clerk furnish a list as the licenses were first taken out by said cabmen, and that the cabs be numbered accordingly.

Your Committee recommend that the license for hotels and stores be the same as last year, except circuses, which have been increased from $150 to $175 for 1st class; 2nd class, $100 to $125; 3rd class, from $75 to $100.

The following are the licenses for 1878: Taverns $110; exempt taverns, $130; stores, $130; billard tables, 1st, $30; do., 2nd, $25; do., additional, $20; bagatelle tables, $40; pool or pocket, $40; bowling alleys, $40; theatres, $80; circuses, 1st class, $175; do., 2nd class, $125; do., 3rd class, $100; side show with same, $50; fruit stands, $5; peddlers, $10; for hire wagon, with two horses, $6; for hire wagon, with one horse, $2; lorries, each, $12, cabs, $5; 'bus, $20; livery stables, $30; petty chapmen, $2; transient traders, per diem, $6; temperance, $10.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Skinner, seconded by Ald. Murray, that circus licenses be the same as last year—$100 for circuses, $50 for manageries, and $25 for other shows. Carried.

The report was then adopted as amended.

A by-law relating to the Court of Revision was read three times and passed.

A by-law relating to public health was read three times and passed.

A by-law for the appointment of hospital resident Surgeon was read three times and passed.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Murray, that this council instruct the Finance Committee to have a protest drafted and forwarded to Mr. Meredith with as little delay as possible. Carried.

Respecting the notice of motion, for the payment of taxes in instalments, on motion of Ald. Powell, seconded by Ald. Murray, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the Park Committee be requested to furnish plans and specifications for beautifying the Park, and also state the probable cost of the same proposed to be done during the summer, and that the Committee report upon this matter at an early date. Carried.

Replying to Ald. Rapley, Mayor Lewis said the policemen who had been stationed at the G. T. R. depot had been given beats, and now patrolled the ward.

Ald. Browne gave notice that at next meeting he will move that the report of the Salaries Committee passed by this Council at its last meeting, Feb. 11th, be referred back to said Committee, as the Committee, through their chairman, did not make any reference to the increase of salaries as contained in said report, thereby placing the members of this Council, as a whole, in a false position, in not having the necessary information relative to the subject, so as to allow the Council to give an expression of opinion thereon.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that this Council request the Board of Works to consider the advisability of adopting another system of having the improvements under their jurisdiction done, or if a frontage tax in certain sections of the city would be practicable. Carried.

The Council then adjourned for two weeks.